

PROJECT TITLE : PATENTS
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PROJECT EXIT

We have been informed by the West German Patent Office that Brown & Williamson's Offenlegungsschrift 3011959 has been rejected by the patent office with effect to the patent office action letter, dated July 31, 1981. A copy of this letter will be sent to the Netherlands and Swedish Patent Offices to support our opposition in both these patent offices.

NEW PATENT ISSUED

West German Auslegeschrift 28 11 690
Process for the Reduction of Nitrates and Nitrites in Tobacco.

PME PATENT COMMITTEE MEETING

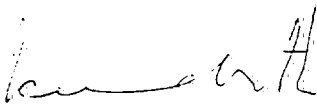
This year's third PME Patent Committee Meeting was held in Neuchâtel on August 26, 1981. A separate protocol will be sent to everyone concerned.

CANDIDA "BY PASS" - NEW APPLICATION

The final draft of this application has been sent to Dr. Hach following the inventor's approval for filing a priority application in West Germany.

PATENT DOCUMENTATION

To date, 9000 documents are on STAIRS system for patent documentation.



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